A Noble Riddle wiſele Expounded:

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The Maids anſwer to the Knights three Queſtions.

She with her excellent wit and civil carriage,
VVon a young Knight to joyn with her in marriage.
This gallant couple now are man and wife,
And ſhe with him doth lead a pleaſant life,
The tunes Laythe bent to the bonny broom.

There was a Lady of the North Country.
Lay the bent to the the bonny broom,
And ſhe had lovely Daughters three,
fa la la la fa la la la ra la.

There was a Knight of Noble worth,
lay the bent, &c.
Which alſo lived in the North.
fa la, &c.

The Knight of courage ſtout and brave,
lay the bent, &c.
A Wife he did deſire to have.
fa la, &c.

He knocked at the Ladies Gate,
lay the bent, &c.
One evening when it was very late,
fa la, &c.

The youngeſt ſiſter ſhe let him in,
lay the bent, &c.
And pin'd the doze with a ſilver pin
fa la, &c.

The ſecond ſiſter ſhe made his bed,
lay the bent, &c.
And laid ſoft Pillows under his head,
fa la, &c,

The youngeſt Daughter that ſame night
lay the bent, &c.
She went to bed with this young Knight
fa la, &c,

And in the morning when it was day,
lay the bent &c.
Theſe words unto him ſhe did ſay
fa la, &c.

Now you have had your will quoth ſhe
lay the bent. &c.
I pray ſir Knight will you marry me?
fa la. &c.

The young brave knight to her reply'd,
lay the bent. &c,
Thy ſuit fair Maid ſhall not be deny'd.
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IF thou canſt anſwer me queſtions three,
lay the bent to the bonny broom,
This very day will I marry thee,
ſa la, &c.

Kind ſir in love O then quoth ſhe
lay the bent. &c.
Tell me what your queſtions be,
ſa la. &c.

O what is longer then the way?
lay the bent. &c.
O what is deeper then the Sea?
ſa la. &c.

O what is lower then a Horn?
lay the bent, &c.
O what is ſharper then a Thorn?
ſa la. &c.

O what is greener then the Graſſe?
lay the bent. &c.
O what is worſe then women was?
ſa la, &c,

Here followeth the Damſels anſwers, to the Knights three queſtions.

O Love is longer then the way,
lay the bent, &c,
And Hell is deeper then the Sea,
ſa la &c,

And thunder's lower then a horn,
lay the bent, &c.
And hungers ſharper then a thorn,
ſa la, &c.

And poyſon is greener then the graſs,
lay the bent, &c.
And the Divel is worſe then woman was,
ſa la, &c.

When theſe queſtions anſwered han.
Lay the bent. &c.
The Knight became exceeding glad,
ſa la. &c.

And having throughly try'd her will,
lay the bent. &c.
He much commended her for it,
ſa la, &c,

And after as 'tis verify'd,
lay the bent, &c.
He made of her his lovely Bride,
ſa la, &c.

So now fair Maidens all adieu,
lay the bent, &c.
This Song I dedicate to you,
ſa lay, &c.

I wiſh that you may conſtant prove,
lay the bent, &c.
Unto the man that you doe
ſa la, &c.

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